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TAGS: OVIP, TC (SHAYKH ZAID)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US VISIT BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAYKH ZAID

REF.: ABU DHABI 461

1. IN TELEPHONE CALL FROM ABU DHABI APRIL 9, IFC OFFICIAL, OMAR DAJANI, INFORMED DAVIES BOTH OF FACT ZAID' S " DECISION TO GIVE FUTURE OFFERINGS OF PARTICIPATION CRUDE ONLY TO US FIRMS" AND OF ZAID' S DESIRE TO VISIT US.

2. WITH RESPECT TO LATTER, WE CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING EXTENSION INVITATION EITHER FOR LATE THIS CALENDAR YEAR OR 1974. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FAISAL' S REACTION TO A ZAID VISIT IN ADVANCE OF RESOLUTION SAUDI- UAE BORDER PROBLEMS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT WITH ADEQUATE EXPLANATIONS POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTION COULD BE MODERATED. WE, OF COURSE, WISH TO AVOID POSSIBLE VISIT
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BEING USED AS OPPORTUNITY TO MANEUVER USG INTO BECOMING
ACTIVE INTERMEDIARY IN BURAIMI BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

3. ADVANTAGES WE SEE TO SUCH A VISIT ARE:

(A) ZAID, DESPITE LIMITATIONS, IS KEY FIGURE FOR
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN GULF.

(B) ABU DHABI INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN OIL PICTURE.

(C) ZAID APPARENTLY IN PRO- AMERICAN FRAME OF MIND.

(D) TRIP MIGHT SERVE TO SHAPE HIS FUTURE ACTIONS IN
DIRECTION OF SUPPORTING STABLE EVOLUTION IN REGION.

4. POSTS COMMENTS REQUESTED. ROGERS

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